

*Washington, D.C. (Monday, May 2, 2011) – Rep. Jan Schakowsky issued the following statement regarding the death of Al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden. Congresswoman Schakowsky is a Member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.*

“Last night Americans finally heard the long-awaited and hoped for news delivered by President Obama himself: Osama bin Laden is dead, killed as a result of a well-planned and brilliantly executed attack conducted by our intelligence community and the U.S. military.”

“The President and the brave men and women responsible for this victory deserve our gratitude for their persistence and courage. Al Qaeda has suffered many defeats over the last ten years, but none as significant as the death of the mastermind of the 9/11 attacks and the leader of the terrorist organization that declared war on the United States.”

“It is my hope that this event will once again unite the world against the wholesale violence that

we all witnessed nearly a decade ago and provide an opportunity to work together building a world in which people of all religions and beliefs can live in peace. We must remain vigilant, but this development should give all people of goodwill hope for the future.”

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